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CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting. The Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning (CJJP) Advisory Council met May 18, 2016, in the Jessie Parker Building on the State Capitol complex.

Division Update. Kile Beisner from the CJJP reported on several items:

- The General Assembly passed the Justice System Appropriation Bill (<u>HF 2458</u>), setting a status quo budget for the CJJP in FY 2017. Due to the status quo funding level, the Division plans to leave one staff position vacant during FY 2017.
- The Division applied for the federal Bureau of Justice Statistics Statistical Analysis Center (SAC)
 Grant. This year, the Division is requesting an increased grant of \$180,000 to fund several additional projects, including the State Public Defender's attorney choice pilot project.
 - o Kurt Swaim, First Assistant State Public Defender, gave a brief overview of the pilot project.
 - The CJJP will be involved in monitoring the effectiveness of the pilot project.
- The Division plans to apply for a \$200,000 grant from the federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) to develop a statewide comprehensive strategic plan for juvenile justice reform.
- On June 15, 2016, the Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) subcommittee will host a conference titled, "Equal Justice for Juveniles: Developing Action Plans to Reduce Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Juvenile Justice."
 - Representatives from nine lowa communities have been invited to participate in the event.
 - The conference will include workshops and breakout sessions for local leadership teams to develop DMC action plans for their jurisdictions.

Legislative Monitoring Report. Based on the feedback received at prior Council meetings, the Division plans to make several changes to the legislative monitoring report. Ms. Beisner discussed the changes, including decreasing the size of the document by reducing the amount of historical legislative measures highlighted in the report. Those issues no longer highlighted in the report will continue to be monitored by the Division.

Legislative Updates. The Council discussed relevant signed legislation from the 2016 Session, as well as the possibility of increasing its presence at the Capitol during the next legislative session.

Issues from Governor's Working Group. Several considerations for system reform were brought before the Governor's Working Group on Justice Reform during 2015. The topics listed below were not part of the final recommendations presented to the Governor, but were referred to the CJJPAC for further consideration. The CJJPAC voted and adopted a priority order for consideration of the topics:

- Statewide adoption of key evewitness identification reforms.
- An anti-racial profiling bill.
- Statewide adoption for mandatory recording of custodial interrogations, with jury instruction as a penalty for failure to comply.

Next Meeting. The Advisory Council is scheduled to meet Wednesday, September 21, 2016, at a location to be determined.

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